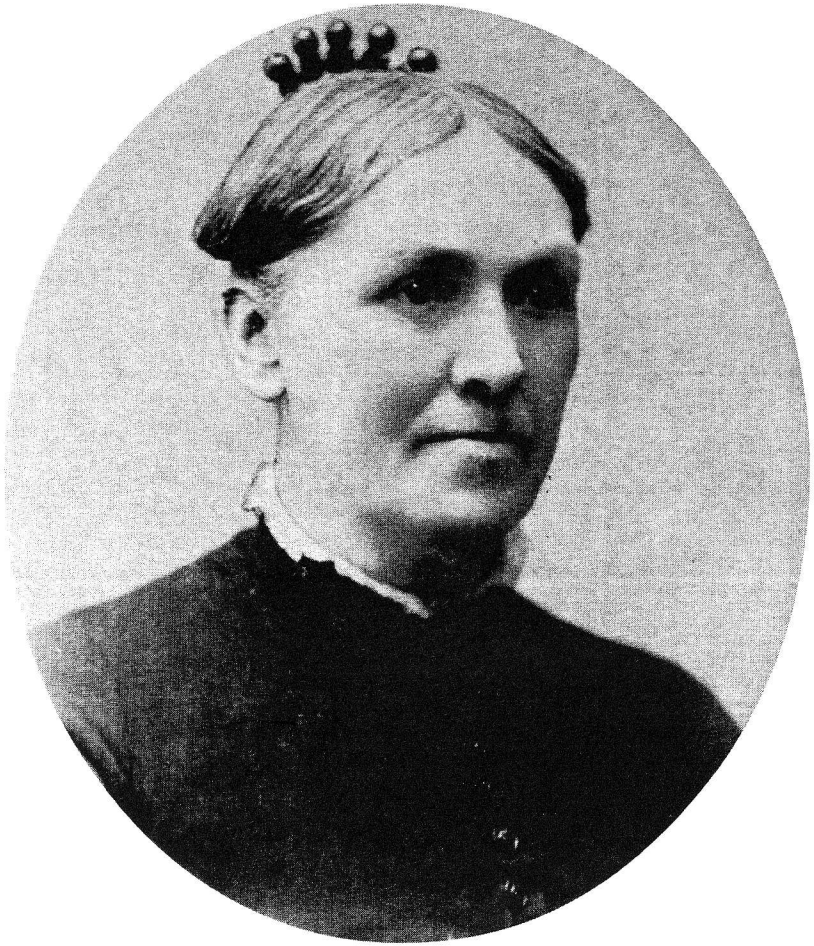

Margaret Gillespie Locke Russell (1833-1904). Born in Scotland, she came to Carbondale in the 1840s with her mother, Jeanette Gillespie Murray Locke, and her sister, Jeanette Hume Locke. They lived at 35 River Street, where John Gillespie Murray (half brother to Margaret Russell) ultimately established a residence subsequent to his arrival in America from Scotland with his maternal grandparents, John and Jeanette (Hume) Gillespie in the late 1830s. Following the death of her husband, James Russell, in 1872, Margaret Russell ran the family dairy farm for 32 years, all the while raising eight children.

James Russell (1815-1872). Born in Scotland, he came here in the 1840s with many other Scottish and English settlers, and became a highly successful farmer, dairyman, and community leader. The farm that he established in Fell Township was designated a Pennsylvania Century Farm on March 7, 1986. That farm is still in the family and is now the site of the Homestead Golf Course, which was established in 1962.

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